

## Spotlight on Newberry...

The origin of the name Newberry is unknown. The county was formed in 1785 as part of the Ninety Six District. This part of the upcountry was settled mostly by Scotch-Irish, English, and German immigrants in the mid-eighteenth century. Germans were so prevalent in part of Newberry County, that it became known as Dutch Fork, with Dutch meaning Deutsch (German). Large-scale cotton farming replaced small farms in the nineteenth century, and the coming of the railroad made Newberry a leading cotton market. The Newberry courthouse was burned by General Sherman's troops and Newberry College served as a hospital for Confederate and later Union troops during the Civil War. Historians John Belton O'Neill (1795-1863) and David Duncan Wallace (1874-1951) were Newberry County natives, as was South Carolina Governor and U.S. Senator Coleman L. Blease (1868-1942).

### Newberry Workforce Center

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### Location & Climate

- Located in the central area of the state
- Surrounded by Laurens, Union, Fairfield, Richland, Lexington, Saluda, and Greenwood counties
- This region has an average temperature of 62.7 degrees with an annual average rainfall of 47.3 inches.

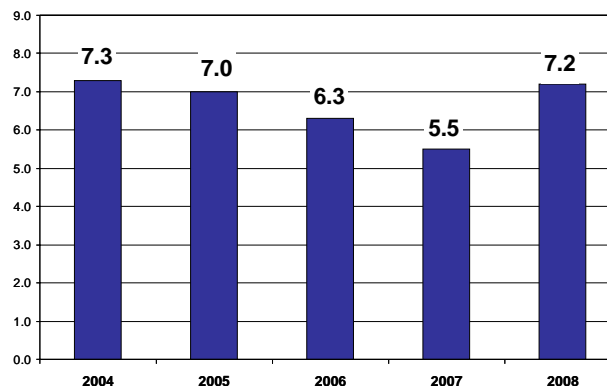
### Population

- Was 37,600 in 2007
- Estimated growth to 39,650 by 2015
- 2007 data was comprised of 67.2% White, 31.4% African-American, and 1.3% Other
- The Hispanic-Latino population has increased from 1,533 in 2000 to 2,969 in 2007, a 93.7% change.

### Labor Force

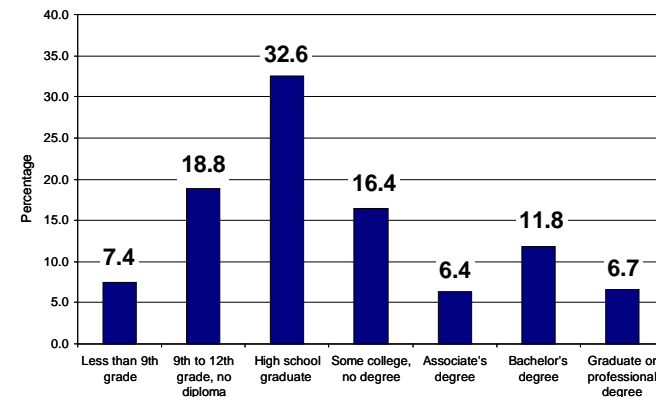
- Increased from 18,060 in 2007 to 18,530 in 2008
- Employment rose from 17,060 in 2007 to 17,210 in 2008.
- Unemployment rate climbed from 5.5% in 2007 to 7.2% in 2008.

Unemployment Rates for Newberry County  
2004 - 2008



### Top Employers

Newberry County 2007



### Per Capita Income

- County per capita income was \$26,490 for 2007.
- This was 85% of the state's per capita income of \$31,100.
- This was 69% of the national per capita income of \$38,620.

### Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Newberry Workforce Center, serving Newberry and Saluda counties, paid \$5,898,689 in regular unemployment insurance benefits during 2008.



### SC Employment Security Commission Labor Market Information

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